

GREATEST GATHERING OF PEOPLE IN HISTORY OF FLAGSTAFF ATTEND ELKS BIG CELEBRATION

City Was Taxed to Utmost to Care for the Great Gathering Various Estimated at From 6,000 to 8,000 People. Nearly 100 Autos From Williams. A Special Train From Winslow. It Was a Jolly, Good Natured Gathering. Prize Auto Won by L. S. Williams of Williams. Prize Diamond Ring Went to Miss Lucile Ellmore.

There was no discount on the Elks celebration of the big two days July 3rd and 4th. It came up to advertised strength and then some.

As early as last Saturday flags were flung to the breeze by enterprising business men and big flags floated across the corners of the streets. There were decorations everywhere and people were pouring in from all directions by Sunday.

Monday morning the street paving gangs had cleared the streets they were working on, paved and unpaved and turned them over to the monster parade, the biggest, best and longest that ever trailed through the streets of Flagstaff.

There was no need of the band to bring out the multitude early Monday morning, the streets were filled and when the big consolidated bands of Williams and Flagstaff commenced to make music, moving room was at a premium.

The parade was scheduled to commence at promptly 10:15 and just at that hour it formed at the Emerson school and started on its way down Aspen avenue to San Francisco street and halted at the Elks building where the famous ensign of the good frigate, Constitution, was presented to Flagstaff Lodge No. 499 by Mr. Frank P. Comfort on behalf of H. L. Hunt and Thorne in a neat speech and accepted by Mr. M. A. Murphy for the Elks. He in turn made an impressive speech and turned the historic flag over to the State of Arizona through its representative, Governor Hunt.

At the conclusion of Mr. Murphy's address, the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" as the multitude uncovered. Governor Hunt with the historic flag in his hand, gave a brief history of the old flag and what had been accomplished under it during the early heroic days, when men's hearts were attuned to country and to do or die. The old flag will be placed on exhibition at the state house.

From this vantage point the Governor and party viewed the parade, before he was compelled to catch his train for the south, where he had two appointments for the following day in different towns for addresses.

The parade continued on north and again passed the point where the judges of the parade passed on the relative merits of the numerous beautiful floats competing for the prizes.

L. F. Verkamp was marshal of the parade and was followed by a large band of gaily decorated Indians, in wagons and on horse-back, led by Chief Hookum Skookum Jimmy Swinerton; there were Indians galore, some more including children and ponies. Altogether there must have been at least 300 Indians in from the reservation to attend the celebration, though only part of them were in the parade.

Behind the Indians came a complete rodeo of cowpunchers in full regalia, on prancing steeds who did fancy steps in accompaniment to the band; they were real and in earnest in fittingly celebrating the natal day of the country.

The most picturesque bunch of the parade were the old prospectors. They were real too, though they put on some of their old time clothes just to represent times when they had come in off a tour of the mountains. This party consisted of Al Doyle, John Clark and John Sullivan, all of whom have served an apprenticeship in this part of the country for the past forty years or more. Each one of them packed an old pioneer rifle and prospector's equipment that would make the present day man think he was a work animal. Al Doyle led the old time burro packed with a camp outfit that looked as natural as any of the old time pictures. The combined ages of this old bunch run up close to 250 years, but they swallowed the dust and hoofed it along without complaint just as they had done in years long gone.

The gun carried in the march by John Clark had been made over from an old flintlock that was manufactured away back east in 1799 and had been used in the revolution. The other guns packed by Al Doyle and John Sullivan were some guns and weighed over seventeen pounds each. The rules under which one was entitled to join this squad were only such as had carried a gun during the early days to protect themselves from the Indians or who had lived in the country forty years or more. Doyle came to the country in 1872, John Sullivan has been wandering around these old hills since away back in 1869; John Clark came to the country in 1875.

The gaily decorated car of Sheriff Dickinson carried the executive committee with Hon. T. G. Norris, of Prescott, who delivered the oration at the court house at the conclusion of the parade.

The car following contained Governor Hunt and party; following this came a string of Elk cars and then the consolidated bands.

The Normal school was represented in the parade by over 200 people, including both students and faculty members. Their section of the parade was headed by an Uncle Sam dressed in typical costume, carrying a United States flag, and flanked by two color guards. Following Uncle Sam came a float drawn by 49 students representing the 48 states and the District of Columbia. Arizona led the procession of students.

The Normal school float was decorated entirely in the national colors. On this, seated on her throne, was the Goddess of Liberty surrounded by children of all different nationalities represented in the schools of Flagstaff, typifying the fact that the Goddess of Liberty, as represented by the government and different public institutions of the United States, looks after the welfare of all the nationalities which come to her shores.

Following the float came the remainder of the body of students in marching order four abreast, each carrying a United States flag.

More autos intervened and then the Woman's club auto float, all in a dainty yellow color, combined with brown and green, the club colors, created a sensation as it came into view. The little flower girls were busily engaged in throwing out pine cones tagged "Woman's Club," which were picked up as souvenirs by the crowds lining the streets.

The Pine Cone is an emblem of the club.

The Babbitt auto float was a handsome creation, decked with a solid covering of white and pink flowers, filled with little girls dressed all in white.

The float decorated by the members of the Rebekah lodge was well worth of mention and was a thing of beauty.

The Rebekah float was followed by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows float, then the new city auto fire truck gaily decorated, with two cute little kid firemen decked out in full regalia. The Arizona Lumber & Timber Co., did themselves proud with a monster representation of a giant stump neatly barked over, which in the distance, resembled a giant section of a tree; garnished about this big log section was a prize collection of little ones seated in the pine boughs draped around the exhibit.

A B. P. O. E. auto float with the famous clock with hands pointing at the hour of eleven, draped with the lodge colors chimed the plaintive hours, came next.

Then came more autos and beautiful girls, the prize automobile to be given to the lucky person Tuesday night; the Northern Arizona Leader car decorated with newspaper and flags; a Knights of Pythias float with a mammoth shield of the order decorated with flags.

The Flagstaff Mercantile Co. float in the form of a beautiful boat, filled with pretty little girls throwing out confections to the crowd, was worth of special mention.

A burro hitched to a cart filled with hay next broke into view; the driver's main job was in walloping the burro along, while the kid was busily en-

gaged in gnawing milk out of a bottle—just what the idea was is unknown, but it made a hit just the same.

There were more decorated cars intervening, then came H. B. White's car exhibiting a small shot in a cage, with the inscription "We play for real hogs," advertising his billiard parlors.

A beautifully decorated car containing the "Chautauqua Boosters" followed, advertising the coming of the big Chautauqua entertainments to commence here on July 20th.

A hundred or more cowpunchers fell in line behind as a rear guard.

Afternoon Events

The entertainment at the race track opened up at one o'clock with music by the Flagstaff band. By one-thirty the grounds were well filled, conservative estimates placed the attendance at 2500.

The first event was a one and one-half mile relay race for cow ponies. Ross Heckethorn and Jimmie O'Brien being the only contestants in the event. Heckethorn was awarded first prize and O'Brien second. In the first lap in the race O'Brien's horse fell, severely bruising him, but he was up and in the race again and finished for second money. The prizes were \$40 and \$15.

The relay race for Indians was an extra event put on to make up for the disappointment in the cow horse relay. Bojadine Betah won first and Tohony Bega got second. Both are Navajo Indians. This was one of the best relay races that has ever been given and was run from the word go, all horses finishing in a bunch.

A quarter mile free for all was run in the place of the burlesque race, with about ten entries. Mrs. McDaniels won first and Claude Black's horse won second.

Almost record breaking time was made in the five mile Indian foot race, Tuwang Otuwa coming in first with a mark of 27 minutes and 20 seconds. Edward finished a few minutes behind. Both Indians are Hopis and come from Tuba.

The one mile Indian pony race was a good event, Saga Nitso, a Navajo, winning first on the famous gray horse that has raced in Flagstaff several times before. Billy Humetewa took second money after riding a good race. Billy belongs to the Hopi tribe. Elsetty George, Martie Bezaha, all Navajos, were also contestants in the one mile race.

The Ford relay race came off as per schedule, with three entries, and furnished a good lot of entertainment. It was a five mile race with the drivers changing cars on every half mile. A rope was laid across the track and the driver had to stop his car on the rope every time he changed cars. "Peaches" Hock was awarded first prize, having made a more satisfactory stop on the last lap, Ralph Ellinger, second and Dave Lay third.

Three teams, all from the F. L. M. camps, competed for the log sawing prize. Hans Wiborg and Andy Peterson took first money, Andy Hansen and Hans Westrum second, and Erick Sparr and Ole Martin third. The time made was 35, 44 and 55 seconds respectively. The log measured 27 1/2 inches in diameter.

The broncho busting, the last event on the program, resulted as follows: Bill Day, first, Henry Isabell, second. G. Platten and Jack Houden were the other riders.

Evening Amusements

In the evening the general trend of the public was to the old '49 camp on Railroad avenue, and the whole block was one mass of people all bent on having a good time. By 8 o'clock things were going at full tilt with confetti, barkers and jolly-joy crowds weaving backwards and forwards in the different departments to see what was doing.

"Old" General J. D. Jackson came first with his emporium of hot-hots and cold-freezes handing out goods and language as fast as conversation and cash could be exchanged.

Elks' money was prevalent everywhere—and it was good everywhere.

Fred Hesser sold it by the stack and the populace slammed it down on the old time crap tables; let 'er go double on the faro game and didn't forget to play the columns and colors against the double "O" at the old resurrected roulette wheel. It was some strange how many old timers seemed to remember how those old games were conducted and how to pay out and take in the money—it was just another day out of the old past that brought back all the old thrills again for the time being, and it was fully worth the while to see the old timers flock around and play 'em high.

The south side of the avenue was a whole town in itself, with a country store doing a land office business; the street was half given over to a big dance platform where Prof. George Barns of Williams, held forth with his orchestra inducing the people young and old to "shake a hoof" and there were few intervals when they were not busy up until along about 1 o'clock.

The day really wound up by being attached closely to the following day, with all hands willing to commence all over again and knowing the ropes, expecting to have a heap more fun before the sun fell the hill on the Fourth.

TUESDAY, JULY FOURTH

Just about the time the people had aroused themselves again for the coming festivities of the second day, a special train of three coaches and a baggage car arrived from Winslow with the Winslow band and a bunch of wide awake boosters from the metropolis on the east. The band consisted of all-star members and they were greeted with cheers from the Flagstaff contingent who had been advised of the time the train would arrive here. It was a splendid showing from our most neighborly neighbors, and one that was fully appreciated by the Elk bunch here. Winslow will have a "Follies" week conducted by the Winslow Elks and if their friendly spirit is not reciprocated, we mistake the temperament of the local gang. Their celebration will be on August 7th—friends, paste the date in your hat.

While things were commencing and ending at the Driving Park in the forenoon, the band with the executive committee went out on the west road toward Williams and met a motorcade of some forty automobiles from Williams and escorted them through the main part of the city, giving them a hearty welcome to the joyous, jubilant jubilee.

The athletic sports at the race track grounds the morning of the Fourth drew a good crowd. The following events were staged:

100 yard dash for boys 12 to 14 years old—Walter Fleck, first; Ernest Yost, second; Don Thompson, third.

50 yard dash for boys 9 to 12 years old—Don Thompson, first, \$1.00; Bert Hoffman, second, 75c; Ernest Prochnow, third, 50c.

50 yard dash for girls 9 to 12 years old—Rodah Hollingshead, first, \$1.00; Mary McGookin, second, 75c; Cecilia Prochnow, third, 50c.

In the three legged race 5 teams entered, Ernest Yost and Ernest Prochnow winning first, \$2.00; Edgar Brandt and Paul Jacobs, second \$1.00.

100 yard dash, free for all—L. H. Yaeger, first \$10.00 in merchandise; W. Hamblin, second \$5.00 in merchandise. The prizes were paid in merchandise as the boys did not want to get into the professional class by accepting cash.

There were 27 entries in the 50 yard backward running race for boys. Don Thompson, first \$1.00; Ernest Prochnow, second 75c; Glenn Hollingshead, third 50c.

The 220 yard dash was won by W. Hamblin, \$5.00 in merchandise; L. H. Yaeger, second \$2.50 in merchandise.

Two teams were entered in the half mile relay race, Flagstaff vs. the Normal team. Normal team won first prize of \$12.00 and Flagstaff received \$7.50. The teams were made up as follows: Normal—Yaeger, White, Austin, Hamblin; Flagstaff—Decker Williams, M. Mills, John Yost, Gaston Aubineau.

The 440 yard race was won by Austin, with White a close second. The prizes were \$7.00 and \$3.00.

A consolation race for boys under 12 was pulled off with the following result: Cecil Diabrow, first \$1.00; Paul Rodriguez, second 75c; Don Kunselman, third 50c.

The 100 yard race for Indian boys concluded the morning's sports.

Big Afternoon Program

An Indian team-race opened the entertainment Tuesday afternoon. Three of the best Indian teams in from the reservation were entered and the race loving red men shot the animals twice around the track for all they had in them. It was a close

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"PEACHES" HOCK SAVES

MANY LIVES BY HEROIC ACT

The one accident of the day was a most thrilling one and one that chilled the vast crowd for the moment with horror.

During the twenty-five mile auto race when "Peaches" Hock was making record time with an almost certainty of winning the race, W. N. Staley, an old man over 70 years old started across the track as "Peaches" started to round the curve at the east end of the track near the grandstand. Hock saw him when only a few feet away, he swerved his machine, which was going close on to 60 miles an hour, and as he did so Staley turned back. There was a big jam of people, horses and autos at this point and the auto would have left the track and crashed into them had not "Peaches" turned his car in a flash to the left, taking his chances with death in the wreckage, rather than jeopardize the lives of dozens within a few feet of him. As it was his car turned over twice with him and he made a miraculous escape with but a few scratches on his face.

He lost the race, but saved the life of Staley and took another brave chance with his own life to protect the crowd which had little chance of escaping had the car been headed toward them a few seconds longer. As it was several had narrow escapes in getting out of the way as he made the flying turn.

Those who saw part of the accident

and the cloud of dust that followed it, felt sure that a number of people had been killed and injured, as the last they could see was the car headed straight into the crowd. It took some time to convince the people that no one was actually hurt and when they were advised of what had happened a whole souled collection amounting to as much or more than the prize money was poured out by the people in recognition of the brave act of young Hock.

There was no time for reckoning, it was up to him to act in a flash in protecting the helpless women and children packed in a few feet ahead of him, and without regard as to what would happen him, he took the chance without the slightest hesitation. And "Peaches" is the hero of every person on the grounds.

In speaking of the accident Mr. Staley said: "The boy never hesitated, he threw his car over, taking chances on his own life in trying to save mine. It was one chance in ten thousand that he escaped. I was sitting in the grand stand and it was so hot I began to feel sick and got out to go home. I am subject to prostrating attacks and did not want to faint on the grounds. I watched the cars go by and thought they were in a bunch and started to cross the track when someone yelled 'watch out.' The car was so close I could not get out of the way."

ARIZONA WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC ANNUAL MEETING

The Arizona Wool Growers held the best meeting since their organization in the court house Wednesday with a big attendance of sheepmen from Flagstaff, Winslow, Holbrook, Williams, Canyon Diablo, Bellemont, Ash Fork, Seligman, Grand Canyon, and southern points. In all there were over 50 sheepmen present.

District Forester Reddington, of Albuquerque, who recently succeeded Ringland, in his address to the association stated that it is his intention to follow out the policy of Mr. Ringland in cooperating in every way with the sheepmen grazing on the national forests. He was well pleased with the large attendance and said it was indicative of the interest the members were manifesting in the relations of the forest officers to the sheepmen.

Other forest officials present were: Mr. Kerr, grazing inspector; Supervisor Guthrie, of the Coconino forest; Supervisor Greene, of the Tusayan forest; Supervisor Hinderer, of the Prescott forest; and Mr. Weir of the Albuquerque office. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 Wednesday morning, recessed from 12:30 to 1:30 and adjourned at 4:30.

The matter of handling strays was satisfactorily settled, it being left to the executive committee to appoint men for duty at the 6 shearing corals to pull sheep belonging to members of the association. They are to receive 50 cents per head for sheep and 25 cents per head for lambs.

The association endorsed the action taken by the executive committee and advisory boards in their resolution regarding the congested condition of the Mud Tank trail during the drive south and the return north. The resolution pointed out that the number of sheep crossing this trail has increased two fold in the past two years and that about 120,000 sheep used the trail in 1915. They advised setting a limit on the number of sheep using this trail to 80,000 head and extending the privilege to those having prior rights through usage or seniority rights in the sense of being old line permittees.

A committee was also appointed to confer with the cattle men during their meeting in regard to the use of water in the tanks along the Mud Tank trail.

The Bureau of Animal Industry reported that unless something was done immediately a quarantine would be imminent to prevent the spread of disease, viz: scab. A motion was carried that the association take the matter up with the sanitary board and collect an assessment of 1/2 cent per head from all members when the sheep are dipped to assist the sanitary board in carrying on their work. The assessment to be collected by the inspector at the dipping tanks.

The meeting approved an assessment of 1 cent per head on all sheep both on and off the forest reserve for

the funds of the association. The assessment to be made in two equal payments, the first being now due.

All committees and members were urged to communicate with the Arizona representatives in Congress asking for a driveway one-half to one mile wide for sheep in the open range adjacent to forest reserve in country locally known as Lonesome Valley and Aqua Fria in the unreserved section between the Prescott and Verde reserve. This land is being taken up and unless a driveway is allotted the sheepmen will be unable to reach the grazing to the south of this territory.

The meeting gladly approved the letter from the Corporation Commission announcing the withdrawal by the Santa Fe the tariff proposing an advance in the rate of wool in car load lots from 4th class to 2nd class.

That the association is at all times alive and active was evidenced by the report that the assessment on sheep was not raised by the State Tax Commission as was almost universally expected last year.

H. E. Campbell proposed that an effort be made to have the next annual meeting of the National Wool Growers Association held at Phoenix.

M. I. Powers and L. F. Verkamp were elected delegates to attend the meeting of the national association to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in August.

A resolution protesting against the issuing of grazing permits to those who do not hold enough land or control enough water to make it practicable, was adopted by the association. The idea being to prevent speculation by parties who do not intend to become bona fide stockmen.

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: H. J. Gray, president; L. F. Verkamp, sec. and treas.; E. A. Sawyer, vice-president. The same executive committee was elected as last year, the same advisory boards were also elected for the Coconino and Prescott forests. Lou Charlebois replaced A. J. Charlebois, and Warren Perkins replaced F. W. Perkins on the Tusayan advisory board.

The meeting was enthusiastic and harmonious throughout and the unanimous opinion was that the association is growing larger and doing better each year. The spirit of the meeting was fittingly expressed when Mr. Reddington said that benefits through cooperation could not be over estimated.

**MONDAY
July 10, 8 p. m.**

Flagstaff Hotel Co. meets at offices of County Atty. Wilson. Make an honest endeavor to attend and help boost Flagstaff's welfare.